

# **Celebrating a Quarter Century of Conservation!**

## **Autumn on the Prairie 2011 Tours**

**Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

***To join a Walking, Truck, or Van Tour, please meet at the Tours Table a few minutes before the departure time.***

***All tour length times are approximate.***

***Sturdy shoes and long pants are recommended for the Walking Tours.***

**10:00 Walking Tour – Mike Crowe; moderate to strenuous; 1.5 hours**

Savanna and prairie with some nice rocky overlooks.  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.

**10:20 Walking Tour – Mike Adolph; moderate; 1.25 hours**

Hike from AOTP site to Thistle Hill and then to a low area in Prairie Potholes.

**10:40 Walking Tour – Jan Grainger; easy to moderate; 1 hour**

See Jan's small planting amidst beautiful woods and steep sandstone bluffs  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.

**11:00 Van Tour – Becky and Hank Hartman; easy; 1.5 hours**

Prairie overview for those who have trouble getting about.  
See the variety and beauty of the Preserve from a van.

**11:05 Barn Tour (Nachusa Headquarters) – Ron Ingraham; easy; 40 minutes**

Built in 1867; transformed by us in '99-'00 – old and new blended for beauty and use.  
Ride shuttle trucks to the Barn and back.

**11:10 Truck Tour – Bob Shone; Preserve Loop; easy; 1 hour**

Sit on a bench in the back of a pickup.  
Learn some basics regarding the preserve and our work.

**11:20 Walking Tour – Mike Saxton; easy to moderate; 1.25 hours**

Tour Clear Creek Knolls, comparing plantings from '05 through '08.  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.

**11:40 Walking Tour – Al and Mary Meier; moderate with inclines; 1.25 hours**

Doug's Knob, biologically diverse, high quality prairie remnant, and prairie restorations  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.

**12:00 Walking Tour – Dean Weidman; easy to moderate; 1.25 hours**

Make loop from AOTP site; see remnants and plantings.

**12:30 Walking Tour – Dave Derwent; strenuous; 1.5 hours**

Hike from AOTP site to main complex of knobs – circle back thru wet area.

**1:00 Walking Tour – John Schmadeke; easy to moderate; 1.25 hours**

Drive to several of the best vistas on the preserve.

**1:10 Truck Tour – Mike Adolph; Preserve Loop; easy; 1 hour**

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**1:20 Walking Tour – Kevin Kaltenbach; strenuous; 1.5 hours**

Fen Unit which also has rare "sand boils" – Feet might get wet..  
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- 1:30 Kids' Butterfly Hike – Marna Towne; easy; 30 minutes (Meet at Children's Tent)**  
Nets will be available for children to share.  
Netted specimens will be identified by tour leader and then released.
- 1:40 Van Tour – Becky and Hank Hartman; easy; 1.5 hours**  
Prairie overview for those who have trouble getting about.  
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- 2:00 Walking Tour – Damian Considine; moderate; 1.5 hours**  
Learn about hunting as well as native plants on the preserve.  
Damian is a hunter as well as a native plant enthusiast who just finished sixth in the World Archery Tournament held in New York.  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.
- 2:20 Walking Tour – Bernie Buchholz; moderate; 1.25 hours**  
Cornfield to Prairie – dramatic progress over four years of restoration at Gobbler Ridge  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.
- 2:40 Walking Tour – Josh Clark; easy; 1 hour**  
Bennett Savanna, a cool, rich, forty-acre tract of woods  
Stewardship goals, challenges, and progress will be discussed.  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.
- 3:00 Walking Tour – Austin Webb; easy to moderate; 1.25 hours**  
Prized remnants and plantings  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.
- 3:00 Kids' Butterfly Hike – Jan Grainger; easy; 30 minutes (Meet at Children's Tent)**  
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- 3:10 Truck Tour – Tom Mitchell; Preserve Loop; easy; 1 hour**  
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- 3:20 Walking Tour – Bob Piros; moderate with inclines; 45 minutes**  
Visit Schafer Knob, a high quality remnant.  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.
- 3:40 Walking Tour – Keith Anderson; easy to moderate; 1.25 hours**  
Explore woodlands with beautiful steep sandstone outcrops, savanna, and wetland.  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.
- 4:00 Walking Tour – Mike Saxton; easy; 1 hour**  
Tour very successful volunteer plantings on Gobbler Ridge.  
Ride shuttle trucks to beginning and from end of tour.